

LETTER BOX

POSTAL COUNCILS

Superintendent Machin Given "Leave of Absence."

A MAN PUT IN HIS PLACE

He is Alleged to Have Been in Collision With Letter Box Manufacturers, and to Have Been Guilty of Other Irregularities.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 8.—An investigation of the affairs of the Postoffice Department, which has been dragging along for two months, took a sensational turn late this evening when by order of Postmaster-General Frank B. Rowland, Mr. Machin, general superintendent of the free-delivery system and one of the most widely-known government officials in the United States, was relieved from his duties. Mr. Machin, who has been in the position since 1900, was designated to take charge of that position. The change will take effect to-morrow morning, when Mr. Machin will take charge of the free-delivery system and Mr. Rowland will take charge of the letter-box system. Mr. Machin will pass under the control of the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General. Heretofore it has been under the jurisdiction of the First Assistant Postmaster-General.

This action was taken on the written recommendation of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who is directing the investigation, recommending Mr. Machin's removal from his position to his jurisdiction, and its administration by the postoffice inspector would expedite the investigation. In order to effect the change recommended, Mr. Machin was given a "leave of absence" until the investigation is concluded. Mr. Machin promptly acquiesced in the decision of the Postmaster-General, taking occasion to say in his resignation that he was "glad to be relieved of his official duties."

LONG UNDER FIRE.
Mr. Machin has been under fire ever since the investigation began. Charges of various kinds have been preferred against the administration of the free-delivery branch of the postal service. These included allegations of collusion with letter-box makers, of favoritism in the selection of routes and the appointment of carriers.

Mr. Machin and First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne ever since the latter assumed office. Mr. Wynne charged Mr. Machin with "misconduct" in the free-delivery service and other officials resulted in an embarrassing correspondence between the general superintendent and his immediate superior, the First Assistant Postmaster-General. Mr. Machin has been conducted on the part of the former, through one of his subordinates, who has been of opinion that the best interests of the service would be subserved by the relief of Mr. Machin and has pointed out the necessity of his removal.

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407 boxes, sent to home missionaries, \$31,210.45; value of boxes sent to Sunday-school missionaries, \$2,204.84. Grand total, \$33,415.29, which is \$2,394.84 in excess of last year's contribution. Of these amounts Virginia societies gave in money \$12,124.75, and in boxes for missionaries, \$3,275.83. North Carolina's grand total was \$3,833.63. As usual, led all the States.

The secretary of the Virginia Society, an interesting account of a considerable missionary tour she took during the year. She traveled through Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Nevada, Texas and Missouri.

The report of Mrs. G. W. Truett, the treasurer, accompanied this report. It is particularly interesting in that it shows that all of this work for missions was done by the noble women of the Baptist Church at a cost of only \$3,162.44.

Mrs. G. W. Truett, of Texas, read a most interesting paper on "The Demand for Trained Workers and How to Meet It."

The usual standing committees were appointed, and the union adjourned until to-morrow morning.

The Virginia women attending the convention, the report of Mrs. W. Leake, Mrs. William Ellison, Mrs. Acree, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond; Mrs. G. K. Griggs and Mrs. H. L. Bostwright, of Danville.

F. S. W.

At the Theatres.

There will be matinee and night performances at the Bijou to-day, the last of the season. The manager, Mr. J. W. Leake, has arranged for a public life. The play is the much sought for of the theatre—a sensation. It is picturesque and it engages the talents of a very clever company.

Quite a number of people were present at the Bijou yesterday afternoon at a rehearsal of "A Mexican Love Story," which will be given at the Bijou to-day. The piece, which was chosen for the first time, made a very favorable impression.

Petite Anne Blanche, who is featured as "Bob," a newboy, in "A Little Outcast," will greet her old friends at the Bijou next week, when the big production of "The Girl of the Year" will be given. This diminutive lady is a great favorite in Richmond, where she made a great success in the child's part in "Mr. Barnes of New York," and as "Taggs" in "The County Fair."

Visitors at the Jefferson.

The Jefferson Hotel is fast regaining its old-time popularity with the travelling public, and many Northern tourists stop over there on the journey homeward from Florida. Besides a large element of the travelling public, many Virginians now make this hostelry their abode while in the city.

Among the arrivals at the Jefferson yesterday is Mr. J. M. Barr, of Norfolk, who took the same car, and arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Jefferson.

Dr. E. A. Pole and sister, Miss Edith and Eliza Pole, of the Virginia Hot Springs, are registered at the Jefferson. Dr. Pole is a well-known physician in the field and his work in a general prosperous condition.

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Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Atlanta, Ga., read the report of the Home Mission Society, which took the same car, and arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Jefferson.

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THE ANATOMY OF ART.

Dr. J. W. Henson will deliver a lecture in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association to-night at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Richmond Education Association. His theme will be "The Anatomy of Art." The lecturer, the public are cordially invited.

Miss Stockell Called Away.

Miss Helen Stockell, missionary to the Indians in Wyoming, who was to speak to the Junior Auxiliary at Grace Church to-night, has been called away to New York, and the meeting, therefore, cannot be held.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., May 8.—Castus J. Myer, brother of Congressman Adolph Myer, a prominent member of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, is dead. He was struck by the Civil War on the Confederate side.

NEGRO CRUM HAS AN EMPTY HONOR

Collector of Port of Charleston, but Gets No Fees Nor Salary.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—An account of Dr. W. H. Crum's fees and expenses was received to-day at the Treasury Department. It aggregated only \$25.63 and was included in the regular account of the Charleston office. Crum, who has been collector of the port of Charleston since 1900, is a native of Virginia. He was appointed to the position by the Senate, and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate.

LARGE NUMBER DEAD

Report from Bluefield Increases Loss of Life by Eggleson Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)
ROANOKE, Va., May 8.—A special report from Bluefield, W. Va., says: Further information from the Eggleson tunnel disaster show that ten dead bodies have been recovered from the debris so far removed. It is claimed that there still remain several bodies in the tunnel which there is no hope of being taken out alive.

Resignation of Mr. Trafford.

Mr. E. W. Trafford, superintendent of the lighting department of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, has resigned his position with that company, the resignation to take effect immediately. Mr. Trafford was in Richmond in the electrical business, and will act as a consulting engineer for the corporation with which he has been identified.

SALES—FUTURE DAYS.

By Geo. E. Crawford & Co., Real Estate Agents, 83 E. Main St.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1903.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH, at 4 o'clock P. M., offer for sale, on the premises, all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon, lying and being in the county of Henrico, State of Virginia, containing thirteen and one-fourth (13 1/4) acres, and joining the land of J. P. Force, James M. Taylor and others.

TERMS—Cash as to cost of sale and any taxes that may be due, and a debt of \$200 balance as may be announced at sale.

C. A. CRAWFORD, Trustee.

By J. B. Elam & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE CORNER LOT, 42-12X19-3-12 FEET AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF FLOYD AVENUE AND STRAWBERRY ST.

By the request of the owner, and for the purpose of changing the investment, we shall sell by public auction, on the premises, the above described lot, to-wit:

MONDAY NEXT, MAY 11, 1903, at 6 o'clock P. M., that attractive, located and valuable CORNER LOT, fronting 42 feet 6 inches on the South side of Floyd Avenue at its intersection with the east line of Strawberry Street, and having a depth of 17 feet 9 inches on Strawberry Street.

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